

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 509

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Alyssa Champagne of Gatlinburg.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Champagne is one such exceptional student, a precocious young lady who has attained high academic honors in addition to excelling in extracurricular activities and spearheading various initiatives that have benefited her fellow students and her community; and

WHEREAS, during her remarkable high school career at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Miss Champagne has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and is an all-honors student. She is the president of DECA and has competed three times on the international stage, representing Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Champagne is a valued partner of the Sevier County Board of Education, having designed and implemented several exceptional support programs; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Governor's School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and commended as a National Merit Scholar, Alyssa Champagne serves as president of various leadership and academic organizations, is a valued peer advisor, and works throughout her community to bridge volunteer students with numerous nonprofit groups in the area; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic and extracurricular success, Miss Champagne is the founder of three nonprofit organizations: the Confidence Academy, which encourages, empowers, and instills confidence in high school students by providing monthly lectures from

individuals of various career backgrounds; the Academic Advisory Council, which provides weekly peer-to-peer tutoring for elementary and middle school students; and the Emergency Training Academy, which was established to provide students and teachers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to save lives by brining EMTs into the classrooms to teach life-saving techniques; and

WHEREAS, Miss Champagne's nonprofit organizations have made an incredible impact on her community; the Confidence Academy, Academic Advisory Council, and Emergency Training Academy together facilitate more than forty volunteers who help over 1,200 students; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Champagne's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Champagne's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Champagne's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and honor Alyssa Champagne on her impressive academic achievements and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.